

MONDAY, 10th *February* 1896.

SIR ARTHUR MITCHELL, K.C.B., M.D., LL.D., in the Chair.

A Ballot having been taken, the following Gentlemen were duly elected Fellows :—

Veterinary-Lieutenant H. B. KNIGHT, A.V.D., Farnham, Surrey.
ROBERT STEWART CLOUSTON, Artist, Wymeswold, Watford.
PATRICK HUNTER GILLIES, M.D., Dunsmore, Easdale, Oban.
SIR JAMES LOW, Lord Provost of Dundee.
JAMES MALLOCH, M.A., 3 Dalhousie Terrace, Dundee.
A. KENNEDY MELVILLE, M.D., 35 Mayfield Gardens, Edinburgh.
J. MAITLAND THOMSON, Advocate, Curator of Historical Department,
H.M. General Register House.

The following Donations to the Museum and Library were laid on the table, and thanks voted to the Donors :—

- (1) By the COMMITTEE appointed to carry out the Excavation of the Roman Station at Birrens, in Annandale, with consent of His Grace the Duke of Buccleuch and Queensberry.— Articles obtained in the course of the Excavations, 29th May 1895 to 18th January 1896.

Altar of reddish freestone, 3 feet 2 inches in height, dedicated by the Second Cohort of the Tungrians to the discipline of the Emperor, and finely ornamented, found in the well in the Pretorian Buildings.

Altar of greyish freestone, 3 feet in height, ornamented with leaves along the cornice, and having volutes of thunderbolts on either side of the focus, but without inscription.

A defaced Altar or Pedestal of freestone, 2 feet in height.

Inscribed Slab of reddish freestone, 4 feet by 2 feet 3 inches, bearing to be erected by the Second Cohort of the Tungrians in the sixteenth year of the reign of the Emperor Antoninus Pius (A.D. 153), found in fragments within the area of the Pretorian Buildings.

Fragments of broken Slab, 14 by 17 inches, with votive Inscription.

Broken Slab, 11 by 11 inches, with the title of the Sixth Legion roughly punctured on it.

Broken Slab of grey freestone, 14 by 16 inches, bearing in high relief part of a figure of Victory, with one foot on a globe.

Socket-stone of a Gate, found at the east entrance.

One complete Lower-stone of a Quern, bound with an iron rim, and several other Quern Stones, whole or broken.

Mortar of grey grit, 12 inches in height and 15 inches in diameter, with two projecting handles.

Twenty-four Architectural Fragments, mostly of sculptured decorations or details of buildings.

One large Sharpening-Stone, covered on one face with grooves made by point-sharpening.

Twelve portions of portable or hand Sharpening-Stones.

One roughly-chipped Implement of greyish sandstone, probably a

hand Sharpening-Stone in process of manufacture, 11 inches in length by $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter, and roughly cylindrical.

Disc of fine micaceous sandstone, $3\frac{1}{4}$ inches in diameter, the edges flattened and the surface smoothed.

Collection of Fragments of Pottery, consisting of several hundreds of decorated or undecorated pieces of the red lustrous Ware commonly called Samian, and of the grey and black Ware, of many varieties of shape, and Mortaria, Amphoræ, &c.

Collection of Fragments of Glass, Necks and Handles of square Bottles of green glass, portion of a Beaker of clear glass, and numerous fragments of window glass.

Bead of greenish glass, $\frac{3}{4}$ inch in diameter; another of a blackish vitreous paste, $\frac{1}{2}$ inch in diameter; and a button-shaped Disc of glass, $\frac{1}{2}$ inch in diameter.

Bead of greenish porcellanic paste, $\frac{5}{8}$ inch in diameter, ribbed like a melon.

Portions of the Rims of two Bronze Vessels, of about 12 inches and 8 inches in diameter.

Buckle and Mounting of bronze, broken Bronze Ring, tripod Foot of a circular Stand or Pedestal in bronze, and several Bronze Studs or Discs, from $\frac{3}{4}$ inch to $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch in diameter.

Bronze swivel-like object, 4 inches in length, consisting of a central ring, with short cylindrical projections on opposite sides carrying discs, to which are attached loops.

Small Bronze Fibula, $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch in length; Phallus of bronze, $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch in length, with loop for suspension.

Portion of quadrangular Column in bronze with a moulding at the end, 2 inches in length.

Several Coins of bronze and silver, much decayed.

Three Soles of Sandals, of leather, studded with iron nails.

Tripod Foot of a circular Stand in bronze, 2 inches wide by $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch in height.

Portion of the ornamental Handle of a Bronze Vase with bust of Mercury and figure of a goat, 4 inches in length.

Three Bronze Studs with flat circular heads, and short nail-like shanks.

Leaden Weight, probably for a steelyard, with a loop at one end for suspension. It weighs a little over 10 ounces avoirdupois.

Three small leaden Wheels or Discs, perforated in the centre, and two discs unperforated.

A quantity of Iron Nails and other Articles in Iron, greatly corroded.

(2) By Mr TENNANT, Draper, Ecclefechan, and J. M. DUNCAN, Lockerbie.

Collection of about twenty pieces of the red lustrous Ware, commonly called Samian, found some time ago at Birrens.

[See the subsequent communications on the Altars, Inscribed Stones, and other Relics found at Birrens.]

The following Papers were read :—